



THE CLOCK OF LIFE

Fred W. McWhorter

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man hath the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own;
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still.

And what if it stopped just now?
Pray tell me when, where, and how
Do you expect to escape
When on your door death hangs its
crepe?

THE GROUND OF

EPH.2:20

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"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth," Prov. 27:1.

NOTICES

The Church of God at Minot, N. Dak., is on the air each Sunday afternoon at 2:00-2:30, over stations KLPM, Minot, N. Dak., and KGCU, Mandan, N. Dak.—R. S. Jones, pastor.

I have accepted the pastorate at Newville, Pa., effective at once.—N. K. Cunningham, 232 Second Street, High Spire, Pa.

My wife and I are now open for revivals. Anyone wishing our service may contact us at our address below.—M. F. Robinson, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

LETTER TO FATHER FROM SOLDIER SON

409th Fighter Squadron,
Pollock Army Air Field,
Alexandria, Louisiana,
June 28, 1944

Dear Dad:

Well, I told you that I was going to answer that letter one of these days so here I am. We really have had some terrible weather here lately. The temperature all this week has ranged from 90-100. They say it is the hottest June they have ever witnessed here in Louisiana, but this afternoon we finally got a good shower. In fact, it has just quit raining.

How are you getting along here lately? I'm just fine, all except I'm terribly homesick for some reason. I will really be glad when this thing is over so I can come home to stay. There's nothing wrong with this camp, as far as I'm concerned. The boys don't like it because there's not much entertainment here. The only thing that I don't like about it is it's so far from town, about sixteen miles to be exact.

I'm still trusting in the Lord and really enjoying it too. I went to the Assembly of God Church last Sunday, only a small church. I was really surprised when I walked in, to find out most of the people there were soldiers, only a couple of civilians. One of the boys from my outfit was there, has been seeking the Holy Ghost. I was thinking for a while that I was the only Christian in the whole outfit.

You know, most of the boys, when they first come into the Army, don't use God's name in vain as much as they do after they stay in for a while.

They hear other boys saying other words so they pick them up and start using them. That goes on from day to day.

If we had an army of Christians, this war would have already been over with—just an army to pray, they wouldn't need to worry about any weapons. We wouldn't be doing as good as we are now if it were not for some of these praying mothers.

You know, you never know what is going to happen from day to day, so if anything ever happens to me I want you to get the rest of the family ready for that home on the other shore.

You won't have any pains over there. You know it's going to be wonderful and I don't won't to leave any of the family behind. In my prayers I remember Marion most of all. I really would be happy if he would give his heart to the Lord. Every time you pray, pray that I'll just get closer to Him, that is what we all need to do.

You know I don't see how I treated the Lord this way all my life, by living for the devil. I'm on that track to glory now and I intend to stay there until I die.

All this time you thought you could
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SCRIPTURE TEXT CALENDARS

As of November 27, 28, all orders have been filled on calendars. Our sales have been especially heavy this season—more than twice what they were last year. We will still receive and hold orders for a shipment due to arrive December 12. If customers find they have overpurchased on calendars and wish to return some of their stock, we will be glad to accept them and give you full credit, if received here at the Publishing House before December 12. These calendars should have a strong sale until late March, but do not keep them if you find they are not moving satisfactorily, as we will give credit for them if received here not later than the above mentioned date.—Manager.

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The General Overseer Speaks

JOHN C. JERNIGAN

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST

*Our Faith, Hope, and Future
Depend on the Divinity of
His Birth*

Text: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son; and he called his name JESUS." Matt. 1:23-25.

During the ministry of Christ, the people were mystified at His words, life, and power. No man ever spoke words like Him. No man ever lived like Him. No man ever manifested such power as He.

His birth was also very mysterious. He might have been accused of being an illegitimate child, but His works and power were so great that no man could deny His divinity and relationship with God and heaven.

I wish to quote from the Scriptures, which will explain better than my own words. The birth of Jesus was on this wise. "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto

the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," Luke 1:26-35.

To deny the virgin birth of the Son of God would be equivalent to denying the Holy Scriptures, and if we deny the Scriptures we become infidels. The holy, sinless life of Christ on earth was and still is sufficient evidence to offset any skeptical argument against the divine conception and birth of our Lord. His words of wisdom, miracles, and power were undeniable by His enemies. Neither yet has any one offered evidence to discredit the story set forth in the Holy Scriptures about Him. The Christian is therefore safe in believing the virgin birth of Christ until His enemies produce substantial evidence to deny it. This they cannot do, for they tried nearly two thousand years and failed.

Since there is no evidence to discredit the Bible story, we will believe that God was the Father of the son of Mary whose name was Jesus. Jesus was no kin to Joseph. And Joseph was good enough and had faith in God to believe that his wife's son was the Son of God, and before He was born Joseph was not willing to make his wife a public example and put her away privily. Quoting from Matt. 1: 20, 21, "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Christ is God and man combined in one, both human and divine. Gabriel said that He was the Son of God. When Christ was baptized in water God spoke from heaven, recognizing Him as His Son, "Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased." Jesus Himself said, "I am the Son of

God." He was revealed unto Peter by the Spirit as the Son of God, and all the apostles called Him the Son of God. His enemies recognized Him as the Son of God. Even the very demons themselves called Him the Son of God. As He died on the cross the centurion said, "Truly we have crucified the Son of God."

In that familiar verse, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," notice the three words ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. God had other sons but they were not begotten of woman. Adam was his son, but he was created from the dust of the earth. All Christians are His sons and daughters, but are sons and daughters by adoption. Christ was His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

Christ is referred to in the Scriptures as the Son of God, also the Son of man. He was the Son of God because He was begotten of God. He was the son of man because He was born of woman, and is referred to in the New Testament about as often as the "Son of man" as the "Son of God." On many occasions He called Himself the Son of man. Luke referred to Him as the Son of man come to seek and to save that which was lost. And in many other terms He is referred to as the Son of man. Adam was not the son of man, because man had nothing to do with making him. He was the created son of God. But Christ was both the Son of God, and the Son of man because He was begotten of God, and born of woman.

Jesus Christ, being both human and divine, is qualified to be the true Savior of men. As human He understands our natures, and sympathizes with us in our weakness and sorrows, bringing us nearer unto God. His divinity makes Him all powerful, loving, and a sympathetic Savior; able and willing to defend us before our enemy, to subdue temptations, and deliver from all sin, and bring the whole Church to complete and final victory.

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

By the Editor

28,000 Attend Youth Rally

Over 28,000 youth packed the Chicago Stadium the night of October 21. This was the first great "Victory Rally" of Chicago "youth for Christ," according to a report of N. A. E.

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Quisling Softens Rule

Puppet Quisling, of Norway, is apparently, according to reports, releasing part of his authority over the government of Norway as he sees the handwriting on the wall. He is also reported to be giving more liberty to the Lutheran State Church; plans indicate release of oppressive measures against the so-called rebel church.

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India

Message reports that there are less than one thousand places in India where missionaries reside, and that there are more than 670,000 towns and villages in India that do not have one Christian in them. The climax is that five hundred states of India have no resident missionaries. Here is the "why" of missions. Where is the "how" of missions? Where is the "who" of missions?

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New York Sunday School Gains Reported

An increase of 100,000 in New York Sunday Schools is reported by RNS, since released time instruction was adopted less than three years ago, so reported Dr. W. M. Howlett, Secretary of Christian Education of the Protestant Council. Protestant Sunday Schools reported an increase of 28,000 over last year.

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No Religious Services for Prisoners

A report by RNS that no religious services whatever may be conducted for either political or civil prisoners in German prisons, not even for those awaiting execution, came by way of Stockholm. War prisoners are not affected by the order. It is held that this is but another stroke at religion by the Nazis. God will win, regardless of how small a place He may be given to stand on.

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Respect for the Bible

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Attorney Gen-

eral Guy E. Williams has warned that a public schoolteacher in Arkansas who makes slurring remarks about the Bible in the classroom is subject to prosecution under an initiated act of 1930 which provides for daily Bible reading without comment in the state's public schools.

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The Church in Perilous Times

The attack of the Communists on the Church in Russia some few years ago, followed by Hitler's attack against the Church in Germany prior to and during the present war, coupled with opposition from the Catholic Church toward Protestantism in the Latin Americas, and the very fact that there is less interest from day to day in true religion, the Church is facing "perilous times" in which men are lovers of themselves more than lovers of God. It is, therefore, a day in which evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Nevertheless those who put on the whole armor of God will find occasion to stand and to glorify God in a time of declension.

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Papal Sympathy

Along with the above, let it be remembered that according to editors of *Evangelical Christian*, during the "dark days of 1940," when Hitler's bombers, "with those of Italy, were blasting away at cities and towns of Britain and causing death and destruction everywhere, the Papacy was silent. There was no word of sympathy then for the people of Britain. Mussolini was 'this man of God' and Hitler was, and still is, a 'faithful' son of the Church." History abounds with the slaughter of Protestants during every century of Catholic reign. Though the Catholic Church has in some sense suffered during the present war, the squeeze of the Protestant Church by Mussolini and Hitler may have been gratifying to the Vatican. It would not be surprising, therefore, if these slayers found refuge under the wings of the Pope.

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Palestine

Time reported last week that "Palestine's new High Commissioner, Field

Marshal Lord Gort, drove ceremonially through Jerusalem's tortuous, tipped-up streets. Crowds shouted (in Hebrew) 'Shalom'; (in Arabic) 'Salaam.' Both words meant peace. But the words were only words: the Holy Land was tense again with trouble. Jews and Arabs had given up open fighting for the duration. But through the Palestine censorship, tightest in the Middle East, trickled tales of Jewish terrorism against the British gangs of Jewish gunmen, often disguised in British battle dress, blew up police stations, shot at policemen, had even tried (unsuccessfully) to assassinate Lord Gort's predecessor, High Commissioner Sir Harold MacMichael."

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Is This the Truth?

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a suit in the United States Court of Appeals on behalf of Jack W. Tucker, "conscientious objector." The brief charged that forced labor without pay is a price paid for religious belief in wartime which is a "totalitarian" measure. A decision in this case will affect some 7,000. The brief further charged that CO's under the present forced labor system administer under Selective Service, "are relegated to a status lower than prisoners of war, lower than interned enemy aliens, or even convicted criminals, all of whom are paid for their work, and this inferior status is imposed on them solely and exclusively by administrative fancy without any legislative mandate."

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The Stewardship of Time

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Readings: 1 Peter 1:13-21; Romans 13:8-14; Ephesians 5:15-21.

The true Christian, recognizing that he is not his own, he is bought with a price, would also agree, if he thought about it, that all he has he holds merely as a steward, and that one day he must give an account of his stewardship; this would include the matter of how he had spent his time.

This article will deal in a general way with the stewardship of time.

I. FIRST, THEN, CONSIDER THE MATTER OF PASSING THE TIME

1. "Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear," 1 Peter 1:17. We must all "pass the time." Out of the past we come, out of the future comes times; we meet and it is present. But time will not stay for us, and as we look, perchance with loving eyes upon its present guise, the present has become the past, and has gone forever.

2. We must pass the time of our sojourning. The word comes from an old French root, meaning "to stay for a day." There is no permanence in the present; our life is but a little day; how quickly it is gone!

3. We must pass the time of our sojourning here. Our environment and circumstances may largely differ, yet it is true of us all that we must pass the time of our sojourning here in a world beautiful in the main, but where beauty is passing, a world whose inhabitants are alienated from the life of God through sin, and whose hearts are hostile to Him.

4. We should pass the time of our sojourning here in fear. This is not the "fear which hath torment"; but which takes knowledge of our weakness and the strong temptations which abound. It is the fear of falling into sin, the fear of missing the purpose of our life, the wholesome "emotion of men who know themselves too well to be confident, and know the world too well to be daring and presumptuous."

We shall consider next the question of . . .

II. "KNOWING THE TIME"

"And that, knowing the time," Rom. 13:11.

1. We should know the course of the

time. The late Bishop Moule translates the word "season," and then in further explanation describes it as "the growing crisis." Our lot is cast in a time that is growing to the crisis of our salvation, "the immortal issue of the whole saving process."

And this Scripture clearly implies that this time is not merely leading up to, but is close upon, the crisis hour.

2. We should know the *character* of the time.

Spiritually it is "night"; men's hearts are alienated from God. Morally it is "darkness"; not only is ignorance of God appalling, but with that ignorance go "the works of darkness." Open sin, such as "rioting and drunkenness"; secret sin, as "chambering and wantonness"; natural sin, as "strife and envying," and (like people sleeping) dangerous indifference has settled upon mankind.

3. And, keeping to this scripture, our *conduct* during the time can be summed up in three words:

(a) *Wake!* Keep awake, lest we imperil our souls.

(b) *Walk!* We are to "walk honestly." Our lives must give to close scrutiny the hallmark of Christian sincerity.

(c) *War!* In these dark crisis hours we are to be pressing the battle to the gate; casting off the works of darkness, we are to put on the armor of light.

We may recollect that this is the passage that meant so much to Augustine. "Take and read! Take and read!" So he heard children's voices calling in the garden at Milan. He took again a copy of the Epistles, and his eye falling upon this scripture, he read; and with such far-reaching effect!

And to us the Spirit's voice may say of this same text: "Take and read! Take and read!" May we in like manner respond, and putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, be armed against all evil; and so far as the flesh is concerned use in our warfare the method of blockade: we must starve it out. "Make not provision for the flesh."

III. Finally we will consider that we are expected to be

REDEEMING THE TIME

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

The words have a commercial value, and the image is that of a merchant who, seeing an excellent opportunity of increasing his capital, buys it up.

We are therefore to watch for opportunities of increasing our capital, or, in other words, of fulfilling the chief end of our life—to glorify God. "Whatsoever ye do . . . do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

The rest of this paper will direct attention more particularly to that which concerns

OUR LEISURE HOURS

The main part of our life is clearly mapped out for us.

If we are employees our time is not our own, our employer has bought it at the price of our salary. To waste our employer's time is as dishonest, virtually, as to take money from his till.

If we are ourselves employers, others are dependent upon us, and to waste our time will mean that others as well as ourselves will suffer.

If we are at school or college, or going through some course at the expense of our parents, guardians, or others, we waste their money if we waste our time.

I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to F. C. Spurr's helpful book on the subject of leisure, for the main ideas which follow.

1. The *idea* of leisure. The word comes from the Latin, "licere," to be lawful; and the idea of leisure is to be at liberty to act according to choice; it is opportunity to be free to follow our own inclinations. The way we use our leisure is a fairly sure indication of our character.

2. The *offspring* of leisure. It may be likened to a mother, and the names we give to her offspring reveal to us what leisure is, or is meant to be:

(a) *Recreation*, i. e. a re-creation. The restoration to normal power after the draining of our nervous forces in mental and physical labor.

(b) *Diversion*, something intended to turn the attention of the mind to another quarter.

(c) *Relaxation*, a loosening back, a lessening of the strain.

(d) *Refreshment*, a freshening up.

(e) *Holidays*, which means "health days," a time by which we become "hale" again.

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Reports and High Lights of the Northeast Expansion

Program

By PAUL H. WALKER,
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The determination of the ministers on the Northeast District is to see the fires of old-time evangelism so rekindled until they are fanned into such a flame of revival fire that hundreds of souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and new churches set in order all over these fourteen states and the District of Columbia. **NEW CHURCHES SET IN ORDER**

Since the General Assembly twelve churches have been set in order and a goodly number are in the making and will be set in order shortly. From Maine to North Carolina the evangelists, pastors, district and state overseers are doing their best to make use of every opportunity, and new Sunday Schools are being set in order, buildings are being rented and bought and the Church of God is moving forward. Oh yes, we can not forget the Y.P.E. workers, and workers they are, as the young people are backing this expansion program to the limit. The orphans are being remembered, the mission cause is being boosted as only the Y.P.E. can do it. The L.W.W.B.'s in many sections are taking the initiative in raising funds for the furnishing of parsonages, churches, etc. Yes, the determination to do for God and His Church appears to be getting higher and higher. Come on, ministers and members of the Northeast District, and let us make this the most glowing year for the Church we have ever had. Yes, we will all do our part.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS ATTENDED

On September 2 we returned to Michigan from the General Assembly, but on the 6th of September we were in the Northeast District. We had a time to get located by way of finding a place to stay.

Sister Walker and the children stayed in the country some of the time, as well as being royally entertained in the home of Brother F. B. Marine in Baltimore. Soon we had three little rooms to stay in and at



last we are about settled at 2403 Elsinor Avenue, Baltimore 16, Md.

MARYLAND—The first ministers' meeting was in Maryland. Brother McAfee was a great blessing and had a fine program to present to the ministers. All worked together in unity and all appreciate the fine spirit of their state overseer.

PENNSYLVANIA—On September 20 we were at the opening of the ministers' meeting in Somerset, Pa. Brother Brinsfield, the state overseer, had his work well outlined and a constructive program was adopted. The night service was a highly appreciated spiritual feast with a packed house enjoying it.

VIRGINIA—With a shout of victory and enthusiasm, the ministers' meeting opened in Radford, on September 25. Brother Boatwright was on the job and an expansion program was adopted.

WEST VIRGINIA, Beckley—October 4 was the opening date of this great meeting. Brother Goins was right up to the minute and the spiritual tide was high. The mission spirit caught ablaze in this meeting and over \$3,500 was raised for missions by the ministers alone. What will the year bring forth?

NEW JERSEY—The spirit of revivalism was a high light in this ministers' meeting in Newark on October 16. Brother Tull was at his best and the ministers are with him in his efforts for the Church in New Jersey and all bids well for a great year.

NEW YORK—At Binghampton the ministers gathered on the 21st of October and the Lord met with us. Brother Camp had a fine program outlined and the ministers are united to carry the program out this year in a great way.

CONNECTICUT, R H O D E I S L A N D , AND MASSACHUSETTS ministers met at Worcester, Mass., October 24, and the Spirit of the Lord was very precious to us there. Brother Thibodeau, though not well in body, was up and

doing and had a fine program outlined, which was adopted. The work has taken on new life and all appears to be off on a fine start for a great year.

MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND VERNON T—Our last ministers' meeting was in Pittsfield, Maine, on October 30. Brother William Morris had a constructive program ready to present to the ministers, which was adopted. The night service was greatly blessed and a great determination was manifested on the part of the ministers and members to make Maine main in the Northeast District.

NORTH CAROLINA—I regret not being present at the North Carolina ministers' meeting. I was advised as to the date on September 14, 15, but the meeting was called September 7 and was over before I knew about it, or I would have been present. This was due to a mistake or an oversight, of course. At present I am in the midst of a district visitation in North Carolina and so far the meetings have been great and North Carolina has adopted a great program again this year. Brother Johnson is on the go as ever.

BACK TO THE HARVEST

Now that we have returned to our respective fields of labor, I trust each of us will be faithful to our trust and carry out the program as set forth in the ministers' meeting. May every minister be a soul winner. If you have no souls to your credit, I seriously question your call to the ministry. Look unto the fields for they are ready to harvest. Sin of all description is rife everywhere and we must point those in its clutches to the way of deliverance.

CAMP MEETINGS AND STATE CONVENTIONS

The dates for the camp meetings and state conventions will be announced right after the first of the year. We shall do our best to have them as near as possible to the desired date of each state.

Maine is to have a short-term Bible School just prior to their camp meeting. North Carolina is planning at least two short-term schools for their ministry and others who choose to attend. North Carolina hopes to have a camp meeting this year also and we

feel this will be a booming success. Then there is the Maryland camp meeting and the Pennsylvania camp meeting, the other state conventions, etc. My, what a time we will have in these great feasts from the presence of the Lord! DO CAMP MEETINGS PAY? Ask the State of Pennsylvania, forty received the Holy Ghost there last year in the camp meeting, as well as the results of the other camps. Begin now to pray and prepare to attend these great feasts.

FELLOWSHIP

We sincerely hope that the state overseers of the Northeast District and as many visitors and members as possible will attend each other's state conventions and camp meetings.

STATE OVERSEERS' MEETING

I am asking for a state overseers' meeting of the overseers of the Northeast District to convene in our nation's capital, Washington, D. C., January 3, 4, beginning at 2 p. m. the 3d. We have a number of important matters to consider relative to the work of the district and I feel this get-together will be of great benefit to us. I will write you full particulars soon.

MISSIONS

It is the general sentiment of the state overseers and ministers to equal that of last year in their mission work, home and foreign. Some are planning to raise much more and this is very commendable. I suggest a consistent mission offering and may it grow as our work grows. Let us not fall behind.

ORPHANAGE

The North Carolina Orphanage is one of the greatest importance and is a part of our program as we carry it on through headquarters. May all the churches and Sunday Schools carry on the orphanage work faithfully.

As your Assistant General Overseer, I stand ready to assist you in any and every way possible.

We have preached thirty-five times since the Assembly and visited a number of small works and are trying to boost the work as much as lies in our power. We earnestly ask your prayers for a harvest of souls in the Northeast District. We have the people, seventeen million in New York State alone, so the task before each of us is great. God bless each of you.

Sometimes we disqualify ourselves for service to others by talking too much about others.

Papal Sympathy . . .

Dr. Bernard Griffin, the Archbishop of Westminster, paid a recent visit to the Pope. On his return to England he brought with him a letter from the head of the Papacy to the people of England. When Hitler rode upon the crest of the wave in the dark days of 1940 and his bombers, with those of Italy, were blasting away at cities and towns of Britain and causing death and destruction everywhere, the Papacy was silent. There was no word of sympathy then for the people of Britain. Mussolini was "this man of God" and Hitler was—and still is, a "faithful" son of the church. Surely the people of Britain must have laughed in derision as they read the following message from the Pope that Dr. Griffin delivered to them:

"We exhort you to bear your trials with Christian resignation and fortitude, and also with Christian sentiments of forgiveness, charity, and mercy, so that God may reward in you what the world will admire in you—an example of magnanimity inspired by the spirit of Christ's gospel—and thus the present severe trials will bring forth for you and your fellow sufferers fruits of expiation and amendment, of spiritual elevation and of eternal life."

After the five years of suffering through which the people of Britain have passed, after the blood, the sweat and tears that have been theirs, after all the horrors they have endured that the flame of liberty, truth and justice might be kept alive in the world, to be told now by the Pope that they should endure their trials "with Christian resignation and fortitude" must surely be the world's choicest piece of irony. One is reminded of Dr. Johnson's words to Lord Chesterfield about looking with unconcern upon a man struggling for life in the water and when he reaches

ground encumbering him with help. Britain pursued her lonely way through the darkest days of her history without one word of sympathy, or one smile of encouragement from the Papacy. Now, when the dark cloud has passed and the night of the agony over they have little need to be encumbered with Papal sympathy. Had it been early it had been kind, but it has been delayed until they are indifferent and cannot receive it, until they are mighty and do not need it, until they are victorious and do not want it.

Condemns Pope

After the foregoing editorial had been written the following despatch appeared in one of the Toronto daily newspapers. We are glad to see that some prominent churchmen have the courage of their convictions and are not afraid to express them. The despatch reads:

London, Sept. 20—The Bishop of Chelmsford, writing in the Chelmsford Diocesan Chronicle, today criticized the Pope for urging Londoners to show a Christian forgiveness for Germans.

"It is difficult to remember a single word from the Pope in condemnation of the Nazis when they swept London with destruction," the bishop wrote.

"The plain fact is that Vatican politics are anti-democratic. The best interests of the Church, according to the Roman view, are served by a government which approximates a dictatorship, particularly if, as in Spain, the dictator is himself a Roman Catholic."

The bishop also said there is "widespread uneasiness lest the Vatican authorities succeed in having a say in the peace settlement."—*Evangelical Christian*.

A Ripened Harvest Field

MONROE, Mich.—We praise God for the way He has led us through the past year. Truly He has blessed us here in Monroe and we really feel we are coming to the front for the Lord.

The new Church year brought us Brother J. D. Conrad and wife as pastors. I can say pastors, for Sister Con-

rad, as well as Brother Conrad, can mighty expound the Word of God. We thank God for them. Their humble obedience to the Lord is bound to win souls for the kingdom.

They came to Monroe after six successful years in the Cadillac, Mich., Church of God. On their last Sunday

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Watch and Pray

Mrs. Lola Rakestraw Wheelis

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:36.

Much is being said about the rapture, and the tribulation. Notice God's blessings to those who watch and pray always. Jesus spoke these words after a discourse concerning the destruction of Jerusalem and the signs of His coming, etc. Just a short time before He was to be crucified He gave His disciples the signs of His coming, both to catch away His saints and to reign a thousand years. Jesus said Jerusalem would be destroyed and trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled, and the Jews would be led away captive into all nations. He also said there would be signs in the sun, moon, stars, etc., distress of nations, men's hearts failing them, the powers of heaven shaken, and then shall the Son of man come in the clouds with power and great glory. Read Rev. 6: 12-17.

Jesus added the parable of the fig tree so His disciples would understand more clearly when the time of distress would end and the kingdom of God come on earth. He said, "When ye see the fig tree budding and putting forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; likewise when ye shall see all these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."

After the trouble in Luke 21:25-32 comes to pass, He says, "Know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand . . . Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all that dwell on the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand

before the Son of man." This shows that when the things come to pass that we are worthy to escape, then the kingdom of God shall come, or Christ's reign of a thousand years. Read Dan. 2:44; 7:18-29; also notice Matt. 24:37-41.

"But as the days of Noe were so also shall the coming of the Son of man be." God told Noah he was going to send a flood, and commanded him to build an ark for the saving of him and his family. God always cares for His obedient children, that they may escape destruction. The children of Israel escaped death by putting blood on the doorposts in Egypt. Lot and some of his children escaped destruction by obedience. And we know God has a plan whereby we can escape this day of destruction if we are obedient, so let's be on our job watching and praying always. Obedience saved Noah and his family and Jesus says it will be like this when He comes. We are living in the days of the coming of the Son of man, for people are eating, drinking, marrying, etc., loving pleasure more than God (2 Tim. 3:1-5), just as they were before the flood. But God is giving us a chance, if we watch and pray, to escape His wrath which shall come a short time before Christ's reign on earth.

Jesus has gone to prepare us a mansion and here the Holy Ghost is with us to guide and help us to obey God by watching and praying, so we will be worthy to escape the day of His wrath. Some may ask, Who will escape the tribulation? Our text says those who watch and pray. Read 1 Thess. 5:1-7; Matt. 25:1-14; Rev. 12; Isa. 26: 20, 21. I am sure we, God's children, will have trials as long as we stay in this world. Some may be killed and put in prison, before Christ catches away His bride.

In Revelation 12 the woman represents the Church of God which shall be in travail and pain to deliver her man child, which represents the raptured saints. I truly say by the authority of God's Word that if we will watch and pray and obey God, we will escape the time known as Jacob's trouble, which is called the great tribulation, spoken of by Daniel in his prophecy, which Jesus speaks of in Matt. 24:21. May God bless every one that reads these few words. I truly hope we all will be worthy to escape the awful tribulation and be ready when Jesus comes.

The Need of the World

Dr. Robert E. Speer writing on the need of "a lost world" said, "If the world of a generation ago was satisfied with itself, it is of no such mind now. It knows that it is full of injustice and wrongdoing, of evil passions, of false moralities and of lies. It needs righteousness. It knows that it is full of hate and a bad heart."

Hitler is quoted as saying, "I shall eradicate the thousands of years of human domestication. I want to see again in the eyes of youth the gleam of the beast of prey. A youth will grow up, before which the world will shrink." A world like this is a lost world and needs to be saved. The need is desperate for righteousness, peace and love.

The Offer of Christianity to Meet this Need. The Father sent His Son to be the Saviour of the World. The Kingdom which He preached is righteousness, peace and love. The fruit of His light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

ONLY CHRIST

Only Christ can help a lost world. Dr. John E. Simpson said, "God demands priority in two important things. They are: 1. Kingdom Affairs! They are on his list of top-ranking priorities. "Seek ye first His Kingdom and His righteousness." Jesus said, "When ye pray, say . . . Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Also, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." That is a mission program—world wide. 2. Kingdom Finances! One of the earliest commands of scripture requires that God be given priority in money matters. The kingdom of God has been held back because we have been unwilling to give Him priority in money matters. A great church statesman recently declared that "It has never been a matter of securing young life for mission service. The problem has always been the getting of money to send them." Nor has it been that we have been unable to do so.

Many of our soldiers have turned missionary on the various fields of battle. It is now our time to enrich ourselves by calling for a united front of both laymen and ministers to go forward with the gospel of Christ on both home and mission fields. The harvest is white already, pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send laborers into his vineyard. Pray, Go, Give.



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M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary
International Christian Brotherhood
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FROM BRITISH HONDURAS

"We left our headquarters in Belize, British Honduras, on September 19. It was a day and night's journey by small boat to the Island of Ruatan, 140 miles away. Ruatan is the largest of the Bay Islands, located forty miles off the coast of Spanish Honduras. The Island is three miles wide, twenty-seven miles long, and has a population of 3,000.

"First, we landed in French Harbor and preached there one week. Then, they began calling us from all over the Island, from every little town and village. We went up the coast nine miles by small boat (the only means of transportation) to Jones Vill where we preached one week in each place, and every night of the week. The churches were packed and great numbers stood outside.

"From there we took another small boat to Coxen Hole, eighteen miles up the coast. This is the capital and port of entry of this island. It is the only town where they have electric lights which burn until 10 p. m. God gave us a great revival here. We preached three weeks, eighty-two people were saved, and the whole town was stirred for God. We have never seen people as hungry for the gospel. Each night the crowd grew larger and larger. They came for miles. Women came four or five miles through the mud and rain, carrying their babies. The people carried stools and chairs and packed the aisles and the platform.

"One night a man came to the altar and prayed through. When he got up he told us that God had saved him from being a murderer.

"We were called to a home to pray for a woman who had tuberculosis. She was very weak but gave her heart to the Lord and was wondrously saved. We prayed for her and God healed her. That was on Thursday. On Saturday she did a big washing, the first she had been able to do for eight months, and on Sunday she walked one-half mile to be baptized in water. She is feeling fine. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The people loved us so on this island. Two differ-

ent people offered us property to build a home on if we would stay with them.

"During this revival they tried to have a dance but no one came. Everyone went to church. There was a theatre in town and in the third week of the revival the theatre man said that since these new preachers had come to town, he did not have any audience. Everyone was going to church. So he sold his show and

wharf where we had to climb a high, steep ladder. We had just gotten off on the dock when a big wave turned the boat over and spilled our baggage. One piece of our baggage was sinking but a man dived for it and got it. What a mess! We were thankful to escape with our lives. The Lord is good.

"Sunday night we preached in a Methodist church and He gave us twenty souls. They are calling for us on the Island of Utilia. If the weather permits, we plan to go there the first of the week. It is eighteen miles from here. There are no cars or bicycles on any of these islands. We are going to try to establish a work on this island as there is no holiness church there. There are five holiness churches on the Island of Ruatan and they are all looking toward the Church of God.

"As soon as we are finished on Utilia, we are going to the Island of Bonnoca for a meeting. That is seventy-five miles from here. Please pray for us as the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.—Yours for souls, Fred and Lucille Litton."

RESULTS OBTAINED!

Following is the first report to come in from those pastors who cooperated in remembering Men and Missions' Sunday. As I have stated before, it was not my intention nor the general intention for this Sunday to be a Sunday to raise big mission offerings, but rather to instill into the people the spirit of missions. You see what happens when they get the spirit of missions! You don't have to ask for an offering, they voluntarily bring it.

We trust that many were persuaded to consecrate their own lives to missions, as well as to give a mission offering. After all, the thing that is badly needed among Christians today is the spirit of missions, not only of foreign missions but of home missions as well; that, and a desire to see the lost from every nation brought to the cross of Christ where they can enjoy the blessings that we are enjoying. I am sure we shall hear from many

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K REVIVALS

RAEFORD, N. C.—A revival has just been conducted in Raeford, Rev. A. S. Johnson in charge. I am happy to say the work in Raeford is not dead at all. Brother Johnson is working hard there. The Lord met with us in a great way. Eight were saved, four sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. There are good prospects for a church to be established in Raeford.

I'm glad I'm saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. W. E. Lucas, 1014 Lumbington Rd., Fayetteville, N. C.

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CLOSPINT, Ky.—We have had a wonderful three weeks' revival at the Closplint church, under the able management of Rev. E. L. Richardson, our beloved pastor, Rev. Garrett Swain doing the preaching. He has a crippled boy helping him whom he calls "Happy Bill" Deferier, and he surely gets happy. Rev. Levi Henson visited two nights with his loud-speakers. Everybody was glad to have him. The Holy Ghost filled the house with the shouts and praises of the saints every night. One night the altar was filled with hungry seekers without any preaching at all.

Eleven were saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. The total offering for the evangelist and his helpers was \$158.86.—Wiley Stewart, assistant clerk.

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JEFFERY, W. Va.—We just closed a wonderful revival at the Jeffery Church of God, Brother L. S. Haymore as the evangelist. The meeting ran three weeks and the Lord blessed in a great way. Three were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and three added to the church. We surely enjoyed Brother Haymore's good messages; they were soul-stirring. The entire church was wonderfully blessed to have Brother Haymore with us. He is a real man of God and we surely appreciate him and the good work he is doing, and welcome him back. I also appreciate the way the saints and sinner friends stood by us in supporting the evangelist. The church here is on fire for God; the saints do enjoy unity and they don't care to put their

shoulders to the wheel. I appreciate them so much for the way they stood by me last year and I am sure they will do the same this year. The Lord blessed us in getting our church finished and we are looking forward to a great year.—Jessie Mae Rose, pastor.

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RED BOILING SPRINGS, Tenn.—We have closed a two and one-half weeks' meeting with Brother Ben Carter as evangelist. His wife, two girls and Sister Green assisted with singing of specials, which we enjoyed. We thank God for His presence and power. The messages were given out under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, with two souls converted. The church was revived. During the meeting over \$22 was raised to buy lumber to fix a new stage. That was secured and now the members, with my husband, mean to see about fixing a window and door for the building. The revival closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The baptismal services were well attended Sunday at the church. Brother Carter was a blessing to us and everyone enjoyed his messages. During the year we gained two members over last year. The two years I have been here the people of Red Boiling Springs have been very good and friendly. The church and outsiders furnished a four-room house with household goods and food to eat. I feel that I have been in the will of God for my needs have been well supplied. The first year a flue was built, the house finished ceiling, and a concrete floor made; the past year concrete front steps made, brick siding put on, window frames painted, and new stage built. God has blessed my labors here with the cooperation of the members. Pray for Red Boiling Springs and may it be a lighthouse for God.—Mrs. F. H. Dance, pastor.

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PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—Through the cooperation and prayers of all the members and many good friends of the Church, God gave us a wonderful revival, the best in five years, at Shady Vale. Sister Rosa Kerley, a wonderful revivalist, was with us the first week and our pastor, Brother Walter Thurman, a real man of God, conducted it for two weeks longer. God

surely blessed us here at this place. The saints were revived, four saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, one backslider reclaimed, and five baptized in water. The revival closed with others hungry for the blessings of God. Pray for us here, that the Church of God at Shady Vale will rise and shine for the Lord.—Mrs. Dudley Lewis.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—We have just closed a very successful tent revival. Up until the Assembly Sister Nona Dame, of Sesser, Ill., preached for us. Twenty were reported saved, about ten sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and we baptized eight. During the Assembly Brother Merril Akins, of Cleveland, Tenn. (who is serving in the Army and is stationed at the hospital near here), carried on the revival for us. One was converted. (Brother Akins was wounded overseas.)

After we returned from the Assembly God wonderfully poured out His blessings and about twenty young people were saved in two weeks, around twelve sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We have baptized six since the Assembly.

This revival has gained the Church of God many friends and about twelve members. Since we moved to the church we don't have room for the crowds. Brother Howard Lipham, of south Georgia, and Brother Gene Varnell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who are stationed near here, have proved a great blessing to our church. These three soldier boys will never know just what they have meant to our church and Y.P.E.

Last, but not least, our ministers' meeting was a great success. I don't believe I ever saw any more love and fellowship. One of our main subjects was evangelism and everyone seemed to catch the vision. We were blessed to have our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Williams, with us. He spoke on "Evangelism" at the evening service, and I'm still seeing results and hearing about that powerful message. Hurry back, Brother Williams. We gained a new bishop and a new church during the tent meeting. Praise His holy name!—C. E. Swenson, pastor, 1065 Oliver Ave.

The person who has a strong will and a weak faith will have a strong profession, but a weak experience.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My body to be healed; my family and home; urgent request.—Mrs. Henry Massey, Rt. 3, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

God to undertake for some special requests.—Mrs. Ella Baker, Rt. 4, Box 76, Lancaster, S. C.

God to completely heal my body.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, King-Daughters Hospital, Greenville, Miss.; home address, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

The healing of Mrs. E. J. Newport, Rt. 1, Weir, Kans.

God to restore my family and undertake for my husband.—Mrs. L. W. Tillman, 1206 Alba St., Mobile, Ala.

The Lord to help my little girl and me; my husband; two brothers overseas. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. H. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 70, Plains, Ga.

My son who has a severe cold in his throat; his stomach to be healed, the salvation of my companion and me.—Mrs. Ramona Bearquiver, 950 W. Seventh St., Reno, Nev.

The healing of my body, if the Lord doesn't undertake I will never be well.—Mrs. Ellender L. Brown, Marietta, Ga.

God to undertake for me and my two brothers in Service.—Bruce Moran, Schoolfield, Va.

The healing of a man of a stroke, he has been bedfast four months.—Mrs. Della Stone, N. Depot St., Westminster, S. C.

God to undertake for my husband.—A friend, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Lord to heal my body and give me the Holy Ghost.—Mattie Winchester, Marble Hill, Mo.

My little thirteen-year-old girl in the hospital with a ruptured appendix, complications have set in; my son overseas and one just leaving. Encouragement appreciated.—Gertrude Palmer, 50 Westside St., Bethesda B. 14, Washington, D. C.

Our little four-year-old son who is seriously ill with a very rare blood disease.—Leslie M. Gilpin, pastor, Allen Junction, W. Va.

A very urgent request.—Mrs. James Bishop, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

My grandfather who is in bad

health to be saved and healed; my husband who is in Service.—Willene Loftis, Lavonia, Ga.

Me to be healed of gall bladder trouble.—Carmie L. Lewis, Rt. 5, Box 36-B, Stockton, Calif.

My afflicted body, I believe I have a cancer, I also have a bad limb.—Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo, Ohio.

Me, I have something like a bone felon on my finger.—Maude Colley, Davenport, Iowa.

Me to be healed and saved. I am in prison and have many temptations. I will appreciate encouraging letters.—J. H. Rutherford, Rt. 2, Box 38, Atmore, Ala.

My healing; a mother who hasn't heard from her son since August.—Mrs. Ada Strickland, Rt. 1, Dunn, N. C.

My son's mind, he has terrible pain around his heart and in his head.—Lizia Williams, Johnson City, Tenn.

A boy who has come back from the battlefield blind, that his eyesight will be restored.—Mrs. Lona Mostella, Rt. 3, Greer, S. C.

Sister Ella Strawser who has something like a tumor or cancer.—W. T. Ferguson, W. Erie St., Creston, Ohio.

My little six-year-old boy who is blind and cannot walk; his not being able to walk is due to his having paralysis when he was a year old.—Mrs. G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

Healed of Heart Trouble

ORLAND, Calif.—A few months ago I was almost gone with heart trouble. I went to the doctor and he wanted me to go to the hospital. Brother Douglas, our state overseer, and Brother and Sister Gillette, of Los Angeles, came by and prayed for me, also several others, and the Lord has healed me.

We are praying for a church here in Orland. If any good Spirit-filled preacher feels led to come here, and hold us a revival we certainly will be glad. There are three Church of God members here and good prospects for a church. We want someone who really has lost souls on his heart.—Mrs. Mae Johnson.

The reason some people know so little about Christ is they do not spend enough time talking to Him and letting Him talk to them.

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THE BIBLE IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

Surveys show that the Bible is being read by more people today than ever before. The war is, of course, responsible. Families at home, men on the fighting fronts and prisoners of war need faith to see them through. But what about tomorrow? Will the truths of the Bible now being absorbed by more millions than ever change human relationships so that "peace on earth, good-will towards men" will really prevail?

Dr. Francis C. Stifler, editorial secretary of the American Bible Society, says "there is no better instrumentality to speed the rehabilitation of bleeding Europe than the Bible." The best things in American life spring from it. The founding fathers who built the framework of the republic were nursed and reared on the Bible and wove the wisdom and love of humanity gleaned from it into the fabric of our society.

When human relationships clash in bitter struggle and in war, it is because the teachings of the Bible have been ignored.

Daniel Webster once said: "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our

posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm our glory in profound obscurity."

While to the casual observer business and the Bible seem an insoluble mixture, a study of the lives of some of our business giants reveals the steady influence of the Bible. John Wanamaker, founder of a famous department store, was a lifelong student of the Bible and a man who earnestly sought to guide big business by it. A half century ago, he stated with remarkable insight:

"I cannot too greatly emphasize the importance and value of Bible study—more important than ever before in these days of uncertainties, when men and women are apt to decide questions from the standpoint of expediency rather than upon the eternal principles laid down by God Himself."

How quickly international cartels and monopolies would vanish if other business leaders followed Mr. Wanamaker's profound advice.

Wherever the Bible has gone, Dr. Stifler points out, men's way of living has had to change:

"They abandon their dirty huts and build decent homes. They begin to cleanse both their bodies and their minds. They begin to sing new songs.

They develop new arts—they are on the march to the rich human heritage which God intended for them."

This noted Bible authority and Christian leader believes that the better world of tomorrow must have its roots in the home—the kind of home in which the Bible has an exalted place. His words are worth remembering:

"If the world for which we are struggling now is to be a world where righteousness shall prevail under democratic rule, the common man, who is the ultimate ruler, must know something about the sources of the freedoms he would enjoy. These freedoms are essentially religious. They have never been successfully propagated apart from the popular use of the Bible. The only place in the present set-up of our American life where the Bible can be effectively used to this end is in the home. The hope of the future of the world appears then, to be invested in the wider use of the Bible in the home. It is God's instrument by which men may be empowered to resist evil, do good, love their neighbor, build happy homes, strengthen nations, achieve peace and usher in the Kingdom for which our Savior taught us to pray."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

December 9

PSALM 27

A Selection

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

December 10

ISAIAH 55

A Selection

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the

Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

December 11

PSALM 121

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

December 12

CHAPTER 4 OF ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

A Selection

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise,

think on these things.

December 13

THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN,

CHAPTER 21

A Selection

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

December 14

CHAPTER 15 OF ST. LUKE'S

GOSPEL

A Selection

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends, and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repented, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of

God over one sinner that repented.

December 15

CHAPTER 6 FROM ST. PAUL'S LET-

TER TO THE EPHESIANS

A Selection

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

God Has Answered Prayer

TALLADEGA, Ala.—Some time ago I put a request in the Evangel asking prayer for my wife, Mrs. Nancy Poe. At that time it didn't seem she could get well. I have had lots of prayer go up for her in Talladega and I received many letters from other places telling me they were praying for her. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who prayed, for God has answered somebody's prayer as she is apparently well now. I know she would like to thank you personally. She is still in the hospital but she has come from less than one hundred pounds to one hundred twenty-eight, and seems to be in good condition. Pray that she can come home.—W. N. Poe, 400 Broom St.

Revival

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—We, the Church of God at Birchwood, Tenn., are indeed thankful and praising God for the two weeks' revival which closed August 9, conducted by our pastor, H. M. Richie. Nineteen were saved, nineteen sanctified, and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Avery Lane, pastor of Grasshopper and Earls Grove, his companion and some of his saints from each church, and some good singers and helpers from East Chattanooga church, were with us. We appreciated their valuable help very much, but best of all was the great Holy Ghost in the lead. Oh, how wonderful is He.

Brother Richie and companion are greatly loved and highly esteemed by the church and friends of the church.—Nola Lewis, clerk and treasurer.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

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(f) *Amusements*, the musings of the mind. These are to give us the opportunity of musing or reflecting upon things we might otherwise miss in the rush of life.

How different is the general idea of what amusement is! These words, taken together, embody the true idea and purpose of leisure, and consequently we may see how important is the injunction, "Redeem the time"—"Buy up the opportunity."

3. The *opportunity* of leisure. Leisure, as well as life's working hours, affords us opportunity of increasing our capacity for and efficiency in glorifying God. Since we are not our own it would be well for us without getting ourselves into bondage, to let this principle regulate our leisure hours.

(a) Leisure is an opportunity for the cultivation of the spirit.

It is absolutely vital that some part of the day be given to the study of the Word and prayer. Neglect of this must surely lead to backsliding. We do not refer to that limited portion and prayer before we leave our room in the morning and before we fall asleep at night, but to some definite part of the day, early or late, set aside for this particular purpose. We must each decide for ourselves as to the best time for us. We cannot lay down the law for one another.

(b) Leisure is an opportunity for the cultivation of the mind. It may be that the lives of so many are occupied in brain-work, that the best way in which their minds can be cultivated in leisure hours is by freedom from serious thought. But most employ some part of their time for relaxation in reading, and two remarks may be made on this head:

1. Read only the best books. Some books are ennobling, others are degrading. Read the best.

2. If we are brain workers, it will be our wisdom to read books in our leisure hours which are away from the general trend of our thinking. It is bad for the mind to be always upon one thing; leisure can provide the opportunity for diversion.

(c) Leisure affords an opportunity for the cultivation of the body. Speaking broadly, to be really efficient in life a healthy body does appear to be essential as well as a healthy mind; though we do admit that the Lord's

grace can and often does make up for bodily weakness.

However, as far as we are able, time should be taken, and is well spent, in the cultivation of the body. The Scripture recognizes this. "Bodily exercise profiteth a little" (1 Tim. 4:8).

But bodily exercise must be completely under control, otherwise it will fail in its purpose.

So may the use of our leisure hours, whether in the cultivation of the spirit, mind, or body, be made to serve the one end of our glorifying God: then shall we be redeeming the time and become vessels meet for the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit, and therefore for the Master's use.

In giving his rectorial address to students at St. Andrews University, the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone recommended "thrift of time"; this, he said, would repay them with usury beyond their expectations.

May we close with a quotation from Dr. Alexander MacLaren? "Time is the lackey of eternity and the chamberlain that opens the Kingdom of God . . . Life is ours, mainly in order that, by faith in Jesus Christ, we should struggle and do; and by struggle, by sorrows, and by all that befalls us, should grow like Him, and so be fitted for the calm joys of that place where the throb of the pendulum has ceased and the hours are stable and eternal."

So, passing the time in holiness, knowing the time in hope, may we be redeeming the time in a healthy endeavor that spirit, soul, and body shall be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so in a growing conformity to Christ's image, we may glorify God and eventually enjoy Him in the bliss of a timeless eternity.

Time worketh,
Let me work too,
Time undoeth,
Let me do.
Busy as time, my work I ply,
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

—The Witness.

MISSION PAGE

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other places where God has blessed their efforts in having a mission service on Men and Missions' Day.

"Dear Brother Cross:

"Just a card to say I spoke on the

Gospel and Missions yesterday morning, November 12, with the aim in mind to take a mission offering on the fourth Sunday, but God blessed so wonderfully that folks just started bringing up their offerings. Oh, we had a glorious day! Some were healed, and some saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Sincerely yours, D. H. Delk, pastor, Concord, North Carolina."

LETTER TO A FATHER FROM SOLDIER SON

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depend on me but I wasn't living the kind of life you thought I was. I was always slipping around doing things you didn't want me to do. I was able to keep them from you but I wasn't able to keep them from the Lord, my precious Savior. You remember when I was at Logan. I wrote and told you I lost my pocketbook. Well, I didn't, I lost it gambling, but from now on you can believe every thing I say.

When I was at home Mother said something about me being real nervous. That wasn't the trouble, my conscience was getting the best of me. When I was with you, you would say something about how good the Lord was to us and it would run all over me. I could hardly stand it. As soon as I got to Florida, the first thing I did was to look for that church and I got down at the altar and asked the Lord to forgive me, which He wonderfully did. He doesn't do any half jobs. I went to the altar about five Sundays in a row and received a wonderful blessing every time. The Sunday before I received the Holy Ghost I shouted all over the church. Oh my, what a wonderful time I did have! The night I received the Holy Ghost I was there praying, had my mind off everything in the world, all I was thinking about was touching the hem of His garment and all of a sudden something hit me. I didn't think there was such a feeling in all the world. There is no use in my trying to explain it because that's impossible. I've heard people get up and testify and tell how they enjoyed it, and I've said to myself, "I just wonder if it is actually that good," but it's a lot better than that.

On Mother's Day, the night that I received the blessing, there was another soldier and a marine there. One of the neighbors came over and asked what was wrong. She said she was going to call the cops. So after a while

they came up and asked the soldier what was wrong and who was running the service. He said the Lord was running the service. He was still happy so he began speaking in tongues, so the cops didn't stick around any longer, they left. I was having such a good time I didn't even know any of this happened, it's what they told me.

Well, I guess I had better close for now, so good-bye until next time. Pray for me, that I will ever stand true.

Your son.

Eugene E. Holmes.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST

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As the Son of man He was made flesh and dwelt among us. He was in the likeness of sinful flesh, with human blood running through His veins, subjected to sufferings and temptations as other men who live in the body of flesh. He wept. He hungered. He thirsted. He wearied with travel. He ate and slept as other men, and Isaiah called Him the "man of sorrow, acquainted with grief."

As the Son of God He was a Creator, supporter, and preserver of all things. His blood bought the Church. He triumphed as the Savior and judge of men, and is called the Lord from heaven.

On the virgin birth of Christ depend our faith, hope, experience, and future. If He was not divinely begotten of God, our faith is in vain, our hopes are blasted, and the Christian

religion is a fake.

We accept the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ, not as a theory, but as a fact, with faith in God and the Bible. Then as further evidence we accept the experiences of millions of Christians over a period of nearly two thousand years. Their history, their life, and their death is substantiating evidence to our faith and hope. Then when we think of what Christianity and the Church has done for the world, civilizing and educating the nations where Christian light has been allowed to shine, we see the great difference when we compare it with the heathen.

Personal experience of salvation through Jesus Christ is a reality in our lives, and proof of His divinity. Before accepting Christ some of us were gamblers, drunkards, and profane persons, but when Christ came in, those things left. John said, "And hereby we know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us," 1 John 3:24. Since we know this by the Spirit we are not obligated to believe a person if he should come along without the Spirit and tell us that we were mistaken, since the Spirit Himself is evidence of Christ abiding within? Let us therefore seek that Spirit, and become personally acquainted with Him.

A Ripened Harvest Field

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in Cadillac four were baptized and three added to the church. On their first Sunday here two were added to the church and two reclaimed for the

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Lord.

We are praying for a revival in our church. Monroe is truly a "ripened harvest field." Pray for us that we may bring many sheaves to the Master's feet. We feel that the second coming of the blessed Lord is close upon us and that the day is fast approaching "when no man can work." Please pray for me, that my life will be a life of complete surrender to the Lord's will at all times.—Mrs. Edward Lickfeldt, clerk.

RELIGIOUS STATISTICS

Statistics according to World Almanac, Whitaker's Almanack, Encyclopedia Britannica, League of Nations Year Book, on religion are as follows:

Religion	Asia	Oceania	N. America	S. America	Europe	Africa	World Total
Protestants	7,000,000	6,000,000	75,000,000	900,000	115,000,000	3,000,000	206,900,000
Roman Catholics	7,000,000	1,500,000	40,000,000	61,000,000	225,500,000	1,750,000	336,750,000
Orthodox Catholics	3,500,000		450,000		21,050,000		25,000,000
Greek Catholics	20,000,000		1,000,000		95,000,000		119,000,000
Coptic Christians						3,000,000	10,000,000
Total Christians	37,500,000	7,500,000	116,450,000	61,900,000	456,550,000	17,750,000	697,650,000
Jews	1,000,000	30,000	4,510,000	200,000	8,000,000	500,000	14,240,000
Mohammedans	180,000,000	2,500,000	35,450		5,000,000	44,000,000	231,535,450
Buddhists	150,000,000		180,000				150,180,000
Hindus	230,000,000		150,000				230,150,000
Confucians-Taoists	350,000,000		600,000				350,600,000
Shintoists	25,000,000		50,000				25,050,000
Animists, etc.	45,000,000	100,000	50,000			90,500,000	135,650,000
Unclassified	118,000,000	1,870,000	39,000,000	40,000,000	5,000,000		203,870,000
Total Non-Christian	1,099,000,000	4,500,000	44,575,450	40,200,000	18,000,000	135,000,000	1,341,275,450
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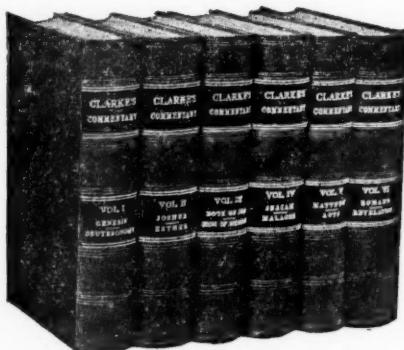
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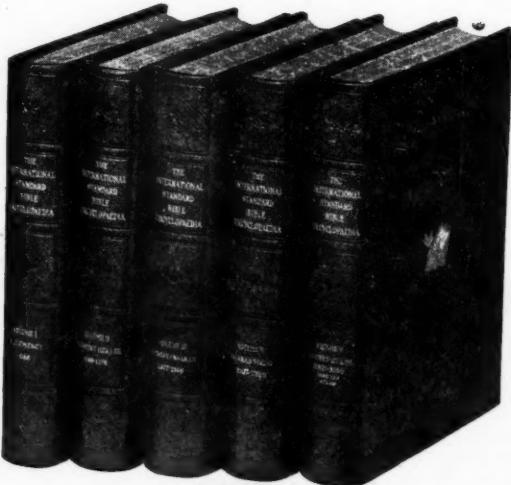
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